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2012/13 SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL SEA CUCUMBER FISHERY ANNOUNCMENT

Sitka.... The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the following information concerning the commercial harvest of sea cucumbers in Southeast Alaska during the 2012/13 season:

The following area will be closed for the remainder of the 2012/13 season:

Percy Islands – (Subdistrict 101-25).

The following area will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday, October 8, 2012:

District 13:

Salisbury Sound and Peril Strait – (Subdistricts 113-62, 63, 64, 65, and 66).

The following areas will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday, October 8, and from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Tuesday, October 9, 2012:

District 1:

Tree Point – (Subdistricts 101-10, 11);

West Behm Canal – (Subdistricts 101-90 and 101-95);

District 2:

Lower Clarence Strait – (Subdistrict 102-20);

Kasaan Bay and Skowl Arm – (Subdistrict 102-60);

Cleveland Peninsula – (Subdistrict 102-80);

District 3:

Long Island and upper Cordova Bay – (Subdistricts 103-21 and 30);

Hetta Inlet, Nutkwa Inlet, and Keete Inlet – (Subdistricts 103-23 and 25);

San Christoval Channel, western San Alberto Bay, and Trocadero Bay – (Subdistricts 103-60 and 103-70-002);

District 6:

Snow Pass – (Subdistrict 106-30);

Districts 5 and 9:

Port Camden – (Subdistricts 109-43 and 105-32);

District 12:

Chatham Strait and Kelp Bay – (Subdistricts 112-11, 21 and 22);

Eastern portion of Tenakee Inlet – (Subdistricts 112-41, 42);

Western portion of Tenakee Inlet – (Subdistricts 112-43, 44, 45, 46, 47, and 48).

For a description of the above areas please refer to the September 14, 2012 sea cucumber fishery news release announcing the open areas and their GHLs. The next news release following this opening will be available on the afternoon of **Thursday**, **October 11, 2012**.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1M1812.

2012-2013 Southeast Alaska Sea Cucumber Fishery									
	Statistical Area(s) GHL		Harvest to	Remaining GHL					
Area Description			Date (lbs)						
Tree Point	101-10,11	150,100	***	***					
Percy Islands	101-25	90,600	104,032	CLOSED					
West Behm	101-90,95	85,100	5,815	79,285					
Clarence Strait	102-20	45,700		45,700					
Kasaan Bay/Skowl Arm	102-60	382,000	71,908	310,092					
Cleveland Pennisula	102-80	24,300		24,300					
Long Is./Cordova Bay	103-21,30	48,300		48,300					
Hetta/Nutkwa Inlet	103-23,25	155,000	***	***					
San Christoval/Trocadero	103-60,70-002	61,500	4,041	57,459					
Snow Pass	106-30	189,900	36,103	153,797					
Port Camden	109-43,105-32	14,900		14,900					
Chatham/Kelp Bay	112-11,21,22	69,600		69,600					
E. Tenakee Inlet	112-41,42	35,700	10,048	25,652					
W. Tenakee Inlet	112,43-48	68,300	14,148	54,152					
Salisbury/Peril Strait	113-62-66	55,000	30,158	24,842					
Totals		1,476,000	284,028	1,191,972					

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